

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-28, and 30-33 are pending, with claims 1, 12, and 23 being independent. Claims 6 and 29 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 23, and 30-33 have been amended. No new subject matter has been added.

In the section 2 of the Examiner's Answer (August 21, 2008), Rejections of Claims 6-10, 12-22, and 28-32 were withdrawn by the Examiner. In section 2 of the Examiner's Answer and on page 2 of the Decision on Appeal (December 10, 2010), Claims 12-22 were identified as Allowed while Claims 6-10 and 28-32 were identified as being objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the respective base claims and any intervening claims.

Support for the amendment to Claim 1 can be found in the text of now canceled Claim 6. Support for the amendment to Claim 23 can be found in the text of now canceled Claim 29.

35 U.S.C. §102 CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1-5, 11, 23-27, and 33

According to the Status of Claims (Section 2) of Examiner's Answer and the Grounds of Rejection (Section 9 of Examiner's Answer), Claims 1-5, 11, 23-27, and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0148520 by Talpade et al. (referred to hereinafter as "Talpade"). Applicants respectfully submit that in light of amendments to Claims 1 and 12 which have been made herein, Claimed embodiments of are neither taught nor suggested by Talpade.

For Example, herein objected to Claim 6 has been canceled and the content of objected to Claim 6 has been incorporated into Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claim 1 and Claims 2-5 and 7-11 which depend from Claim 1 now overcome the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection to Talpade and are in condition for allowance.

Additionally, herein objected to Claim 29 has been canceled and the content of objected to Claim 29 has been incorporated into Claim 23. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claim 23 and Claims 24-28 and 30-33 which depend from Claim 23 now overcome the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection to Talpade and are in condition for allowance.

Allowed Material

In the Examiner's Answer and in the Decision on Appeal, Claims 12-22 were identified as Allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowance of these claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above listed amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested. Based on the arguments and amendments presented above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-5, 7-28, and 30-33 overcome the rejections of record. For reasons discussed herein, Applicant respectfully requests that Claims 1-5, 7-28, and 30-33 be reconsidered and allowed.

Should the Examiner have a question regarding the instant amendment and response, the Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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